



WASHINGTON STATE
GAMBLING COMMISSION

Field Operation Rule Interpretation

Question:

Can an organization conduct a drawing to determine who wins the prize as part of an RGA? Yes

Cite:

WAC 230-25-330 Recreational Gaming Activity—Rules for play.

Summary:

Issue: *At the end of a Recreational Gaming Activity (RGA) an organization wants to allow the participants to trade in their scrip for a chance in a drawing to win a prize.*

Reasoning: *An RGA is a non-gambling event. A drawing is not gambling when there is no valuable consideration. Therefore, allowing participants to use scrip that has no value to purchase tickets for a drawing is not gambling and would not be prohibited at an RGA.*

For example, at an RGA the organization hands out \$5,000,000 in scrip to the participants. Towards the end of the RGA the sponsor sells drawing tickets for \$20,000 scrip. The winner of the drawing wins \$10,000,000 in scrip. Then the organization has an auction at the end of the event to sell a prize for scrip. The winner of the drawing clearly has more scrip than any other participant and therefore is the winner of the auction. In effect, the winner of the drawing is the winner of the prize.

Decision: *WAC 230-25-330(5) allows an organization to use a scheme to allow participants to redeem scrip or chips for prizes. The scheme could allow participants to trade scrip for drawing tickets with the winner(s) of the drawing to receive the prize(s).*

Approved:

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